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SUB: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER-ELECTIONS

1. DURING MEETING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITH PRESIDENT
BALAGUER, I STRESSED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING
KEEN INTEREST IN THE MANY ELECTIONS THAT WERE TAKING
PLACE DURING 1978 THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE. WITHIN PRESIDENT
CARTER'S POLICY OF PROMOTING HUMAN
RIGHTS, HONEST AND OPEN
ELECTIONS WERE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

2. BALAGUER RESPONDED THAT HE APPRECIATED U.S. INTEREST
IN HONEST AND FREE ELECTIONS, WHICH HE SHARED COMPLETELY.
HE WAS DOING ALL THAT HE COULD TO ENSURE THAT SUCH
ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, HE
CONTINUED. THERE MIGHT BE AN INCIDENT HERE AND THERE, BUT
THAT WAS INEVITABLE IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, HE

CONCLUDED-EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT ELECTIONS HERE
WOULD INDEED BE PRAISEWORTHY.

3. I ASKED THE PRESIDENT WHETHER HE HAD GIVEN ANY THOUGHT

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TO INVITING PERSONS OF INTERNATIONAL STATURE TO OBSERVE THE
PRE-ELECTION AND ELECTION PROCESSES. HE REPLIED TAT HE
INTENDED TO INVITE OAS OBSERVERS SINCE THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
BELONGED TO THE AMERICAN SYSTEM AND OAS OBSERVERS HAD BEEN
HERE IN THE PAST FOR SUCH PURPOSES. HE MADE UNMISTAKABLY
CLEAR THAT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT PERMIT ANY OTHER OBSERVERS,
PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO WERE NOT PRODUCTS OF THE LATIN

AMERICAN CULTURE (AND THEREFORE UNFAMILIAR WITH LATIN
IDIOSYNCRASIES) OR WHO WERE NOT SYMPATHETIC TO THE WESTERN
CAPITALIST SYSTEM.
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